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TAGS: S C, COCOM, BU, UK, US

SUBJECT UK TECHNICAL DATA AND COMPONENTS FOR DISC

DRIVE RECORDING HEADS TO BULGARIA - IL 1565

REF: A. COCOM DOC(74)2173

B. COCOM DOC(74)2174

1. EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH FOREIGN OFFICE SOONEST AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL WITH RESPECT TO A UK CASE APPROVED IN COCOM BUT RELATED TO TWO PENDING US CASES ON COCOM AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. REMIND UK THAT THERE ARE THREE COMPETING FIRMS (TWO US AND ONE UK) INVOLVED IN POSSIBLE SALE TO BULGARIA OF MAGNETIC DISC DRIVE READ/WRITE HEADS TO ISOTIMPEX AND THAT US APPROVAL OF UK CASE NOVEMBER 5 AND SUBMISSION OF TWO US CASES SAME DATE WAS CONDITIONED ON UNDERSTANDING THAT ONLY ONE WOULD BE APPROVED SUBJECT TO STIPULATED CONDITIONS IN REF A (LIMIT 8800 HEADS APPROVABLE AT STATED INTERVALS, LIMITS ON NUMBER OF HEADS PER DISC DRIVE AND DISC DRIVES
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PER COMPUTER SYSTEM, AND EXPORT VERIFICATION).

B. ANY SUCH LICENSE WOULD NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED WHICH OF THE THREE FIRMS HAS IN FACT RECEIVED THE ORDER FOR 8800 HEADS.

C. US HAS TOLD US COMPANIES THAT NECESSARY LICENSE WOULD NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED WHICH FIRM RECEIVED THE ORDER. WE HOPE UK AUTHORITIES WOULD DO THE SAME AND SUGGEST THAT US AND UK AUTHORITIES CONCERT ACTION ON THE CASES PRIOR TO LICENSING, ASSUMING COCOM APPROVAL OF ALL THREE ALTERNATIVE CASES.

2. TO PARIS: IF CASE (74)2173 COMES UP FOR DISCUSSION TUESDAY SUGGEST USDEL MAKE SAME POINT. IF NOT, INFORM UK DEL BILATERALLY. INGERSOLL

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